



Congratulations to the following California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation employees who received awards at the 2006 Medal of Valor awards ceremony on May 19, 2006.

Medal of Valor

The Medal of Valor is the Department's highest award, earned by employees distinguishing themselves by conspicuous bravery or heroism above and beyond the normal demands of correctional service. The employee shall display great courage in the face of immediate life-threatening peril and with full knowledge of the risk involved. The act should show professional judgment and not jeopardize operations or the lives of others.

Parole Agent I Darrell Littleton, Region IV Parole, Division of Adult Parole

Gold Star

The Corrections Star (Gold) medal is the Department's second-highest award for heroic deeds under extraordinary circumstances. The employee shall display courage in the face of immediate peril in acting to save the life of another person.

Correctional Officer Jeffrey Allen Harris, California State Prison-Solano

Correctional Sergeant Scott Richards, Ironwood State Prison

Correctional Officers Jesus Caropreso, Lamont Goodlet, and Joe Totten; Medical Technical Assistant Elvie Pulido; Licensed Vocational Nurse Sylvia Serrato, Salinas Valley State Prison

Correctional Officer Edward W. Welch, Jr., Wasco State Prison

Charles L. Pattillo, Prison Industry Authority

Silver Star

The Corrections Star (Silver) is the Department's third highest award for acts of bravery under extraordinary or unusual circumstances. The employee shall display courage in the face of potential peril while saving or attempting to save the life of another person or distinguish him or herself by performing in stressful situations with exceptional tactics of judgment.

Correctional Officers Lisa Carter, Alton Little, and Prentice Woodard, California Correctional Institution

Correctional Officers Erik Duncan, David Roberts, and Jose Uribe, California Correctional Institution

Correctional Sergeant John Misko; Correctional Officer Francisco Mascarenas, California State Prison, Corcoran

Correctional Sergeant Steve Hinshaw; Correctional Officers Jesus Lozano, Robert Mobert, Jack Sarafian, California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility and State Prison, Corcoran

Correctional Officer Enrique Iniguez, Deuel Vocational Institution

Correctional Officer Beau Baker, High Desert State Prison

Youth Correctional Counselor Sergio Sandoval, Heman G. Stark Youth Correctional Facility

Youth Correctional Counselor Arthur Flores, Heman G. Stark Youth Correctional Facility

Parole Agent I Guillermo Ontiveros, East Los Angeles, Division of Juvenile Justice Parole

Parole Agent I John Houston, Region IV, Division of Adult Parole

Parole Agent II Arthur J. Ramirez, Region IV, Division of Adult Parole

Correctional Sergeant Marcia Jones-Caldwell; Correctional Officers Donald Anderson and Deborah Castaneda, Southern Transportation Hub

Youth Correctional Counselors Salvador Arrellano, Michael Friscia, Chris J. Garcia, and Jason McDaniel, N.A. Chaderjian Youth Correctional Facility

Bronze Star

The Corrections Star (Bronze) medal is the Department's award for saving a life without putting oneself in peril. The employee shall have used proper training and tactics in a professional manner to save, or clearly contribute to saving, the life of another person.

Correctional Lieutenant Patrick Matzen; Correctional Officers Romero Cortez and Debbie Martinez, California Correctional Institution

Correctional Officer Brian Taylor and Supervising Cook Joel Mayorga, California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility and State Prison, Corcoran

Correctional Officer Lem Wilhoit, California State Prison, Corcoran

Correctional Lieutenants Richard Overman and Daniel Rettagliata, Chuckawalla Valley State Prison

Correctional Counselor David Lee Wade, Correctional Training Facility

Office Assistant Rosann Williams, North Kern State Prison

Office Services Supervisor I Terri Skerik, Pelican Bay State Prison

Materials & Stores Supervisor I Rafael Domingo, Jr., Salinas Valley State Prison

Correctional Officer Isaac Bourbon, Sierra Conservation Center

Parole Agent I David Ayala, Region IV, Division of Adult Parole

Distinguished Service

The Distinguished Service Medal is for an employee's exemplary work conduct with the Department for a period of months or years, or involvement in a specific assignment of benefit to the Department.

Correctional Lieutenants Larry Aaron, California Institution for Women; Barry Bolton, North Kern State Prison; Vernell Crittendon, San Quentin State Prison; Sabrina Johnson, Corcoran State Prison; Kevin Kostecky, Central California Women's Facility; Ken Lewis, California State Prison-Los Angeles

County; Brian Parriott, Wasco State Prison; Steve Perez, Pelican Bay State Prison; Fred Schroeder, California State Prison-Sacramento; Kim Seibel, Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility; Tim Shirlock, California Institution for Men; Shelly Thompson, California Men's Colony; and Correctional Sergeant Eric Messick, San Quentin State Prison

Parole Administrator Michael Castro; Parole Agent III James Stager; Office Technician Dianna M. Musarra; Parole Agent IIs Doug G. Hemerson, Patrick Minniss, and Curtis R. Smith; Parole Agent Is Jon L. Ashley, James Bellmeyer, Jason Bradshaw, Jesse Embry, David Fernandez, Marylan Fletcher, Lucio Guzman, Derek Hamaguchi, Fred James, David Pittman, Carl Richardson, and Robert L. Wheeler

Unit Citation

The Unit Citation is for great courage displayed by a Departmental unit in the course of conducting an operation in the face of immediate life-threatening circumstances.

Correctional Lieutenant Kent Ashby; Correctional Officers Dean Kruse, Rick Newby, Randall Parent, Mia Reyes, Felix Rivera, and Xavian Sherwood; Medical Technical Assistant Anna Bell, California Correctional Institution

Correctional Officers Michael Lindsey and Michael White, High Desert State Prison

Correctional Sergeants Linda Moore-Halladay and Mike Leguillo; Correctional Officers Todd Vasquez, James Turner Jr., Pete Hernandez, Paul Thomas, and Keetha Murphy, Ironwood State Prison

Correctional Officers Cecil Arispe, Marla Labans, William Lyons, Mellissa Pickenpaugh, Michael Tackett and Sheila Whitford; Registered Nurse Jim Phillips, Pelican Bay State Prison

Correctional Officer of the Year

Correctional Officer Edward W. Welch, Jr., Wasco State Prison

Correctional Supervisor of the Year

Correctional Lieutenant Daniel P. Rettagliata, Chuckawalla Valley State Prison